

Minutes

Business Meeting

Tuesday 13 March 2001

Room 619, Washington State Convention Center

Seattle, WA

Meeting was called to order at 5:37 pm by the Chair, Si Foner.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes from the 2000 Business Meeting were read and accepted by a voice vote.

The Secretary/Treasurer presented the Finance Report, pointing out that we are certainly in very good shape financially. Income for 2000 was \$9448.19, expenses were \$4114.81 (dominated by newsletter and balloting expenses), with a net balance January 2001 of \$15,516.93. We are accumulating funds much faster than we are spending. Ivan Schuller suggested that this is a problem, and that we should put some effort into deciding how best to use our income.

The Chair called for a show of thanks to the exiting Executive Committee members and to Larry Bennett for the work on the behalf of GMAG over the past year.

The Chair announced election results for 2001: the new Vice Chair is Frances Hellman, UCSD, and the new Executive Committee members are Jack Bass, Michigan State Univ., E. Lansing, and Barbara Jones, IBM Almaden.

The Chair announced the new APS Fellows sponsored by GMAG:

Jagadeesh Moodera, MIT

Michael Coey, Trinity College, Dublin (not present)

Dieter Weller, Seagate (not present)

The Chair presented a hand-scribed Certificate of Appreciation to David Jiles, the Founding Chair.

The Chair announced that the proposed Bylaws change, which provides that the Members at Large of the Executive Committee will join the Vice Chair as members of the Fellowship Committee, will be voted on by the general membership in the next three months.

The Chair called for a show of thanks for the Sorters who represented GMAG at the December Sorters Meeting:

Carl Adams, NIST
David Jiles, Iowa State University
Young Lee, NIST
Jeff Lynn, NIST
Jagadeesh Moodera, MIT
Jim Rhyne, Univ of Missouri
Gavin Watson, Univ. of Maryland

NEW BUSINESS

David Jiles suggested that one use of our money might be to support or seed a prize or award recognizing exceptional work in magnetism. Ivan Schuller suggested creating a committee to look into this. Hellman volunteered to organize such a committee.

Ivan Schuller suggested that GMAG should establish programs to encourage students to work in magnetism (e.g., with a best talk/best paper award) and to support public outreach on the subject of magnetism.

Decisions:

- a. The issue of student recognition will be addressed by discussion among the Executive Committee.
- b. The possibility of supporting a public lecture in conjunction with the March Meeting will also be discussed among the Executive Committee.
- c. Jeff Lynn will serve as a contact for the APS Timeline (Web version) project, ensuring that items relating to magnetism are covered at the highest standards of excellence.

Jeff Lynn discussed plans for a Congressional Reception for Fall 2001. He pointed out that magnetic demos would be effective for creating an impact. It was suggested that tschotschkes—inexpensive take-home items—might also be effective. Frances Hellman suggested Jeffers (ret. from Iomega) would be a particularly good and entertaining speaker. Other specific suggestions are welcome. Jeff Lynn will serve as liaison for this event.

Jeff Lynn also raised the subject of supporting the Federation of Materials Scientists. The APS is a member of this umbrella organization and DCMP and DMP currently support the organization. Lyle Schwartz is the APS liaison. David Jiles and Dave Sellmyer raised the question of what advantage accrues to GMAG from supporting the Federation. A motion to support the Federation at the level of no more than \$600 per annum for no more than two years was made, seconded and passed by hand vote.

At this point the gavel was passed to Jeff Lynn as Incoming Chair.

Jeff Lynn pointed out that the most important function of GMAG is the organization of the March meeting. Three invited symposia can be organized by GMAG for the next March Meeting. This must be accomplished by the end of summer 2001. Focus topics must be organized in a shorter time—by the middle of June. Suggestions should be

conveyed to the Program Chair (Dave Sellmyer) soon.

David Jiles requested clarification of the timing of the GMAG Newsletter. Publication of a spring and fall issue seems optimum. A Spring issue would allow emphasis on soliciting Focus Topics, while a Fall issue would allow emphasis on soliciting Fellowship nominations and contributions to the March meeting program. The newsletter Editor (the Secretary/Treasurer) agreed to try to hew to this schedule.

The Incoming Chair called for a round of applause to thank the Exiting Chair for his labors on the behalf of GMAG. An enthusiastic response was obtained.

The Business meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.